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River Fire Contained

Scott River, CA- The River Fire, located near the Sarah Totten Campground on the Klamath National Forest is now contained at approximately 17 acres. Firefighters worked through the weekend to contain the blaze that began off of Highway 96 near the mouth of the Scott River on the south side of the Klamath River between the communities of Hamburg and Horse Creek.

Moisture and cooler weather over the fire area helped CAL FIRE crews, local fire departments, Klamath National Forest personnel and contract hand crews supported by a helicopter to contain the fire late Sunday. Firefighters completed containment line around the fire Friday night and worked Saturday and Sunday to improve that line and Mop Up any heat within the fire perimeter. The challenges firefighters faced were high winds, heavy fuels, steep terrain and limited access to the area.

Power lines passing through the area were de-energized and the communities of Scott Bar, Klamath River and Horse Creek were without electricity overnight Friday into Saturday.

The cause of the River Fire is under investigation.

Klamath National Forest Supervisor Patty Grantham urged the community, "Please be careful with anything that can cause a spark. It's already getting hot and dry out there. Residents, firefighters, homes, communities and infrastructure face zero risk from the fire that never starts."

Please call (530) 841-4451 for more information.

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